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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

September 5, 2002

MINUTES

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE REGIONAL COUNCIL. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Regional Council of the Southern California Association of Governments held its meeting at the SCAG offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by President Hal Bernson, City of Los Angeles. There was a quorum.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

3.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval Items

3.1.1 Approval of Aug 1, 2002 Minutes

It was noted that Councilmember Keith McCarthy attend the August 1, 2002 meeting.

3.1.2 Contracts

- Advanced Data Transcribing Center, Inc.
- Crown Consulting, Inc.

Equipment Lease Renewal

- Pitney Bowes

3.1.3 Approve SCAG's Participation at the 2002 League of California Cities & California State Association of Counties

3.1.4 Approve Sponsorship of Southern California Leadership Leadership Network Class XII Tuition and Leader of the Year Luncheon

3.2 Receive & File

3.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix 2001-2002 Session

3.2.2 Contracts/Purchase Orders \$5,000 - \$25,000 (Info Only)

Contracts

- Center for the Continuing Study of the California Economy (Regional Economic Forecasting Assistance)

Purchase Orders

- IBM Corporation
- Kion Printing and Packaging
- Pace Lithographers

3.2.3 Conflict of Interest Listing

3.3 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

3.1.1 Leadership Statement

President Bernson, presented the leadership statement. Three main initiatives are highlighted. The first initiative focused on finding ways of bringing the SCAG region closer. To accomplish this effort SCAG representatives should begin encouraging congressional and legislative delegation to work toward a common agenda for the region. President Bernson stated that he and Mark Pisano will initiate this process by working with the commissions to develop a list of projects that will be prioritized for the region.

The second initiative is to focus attention on the State Legislature to obtain authority that would regions to solve its own problems. The third initiative targets the infrastructure planning issue regarding the Regional Aviation System.

President Bernson concluded by saying that the region will not be successful in establishing the aforementioned initiatives, until efforts are finalized in addressing SCAG's working capital problems as well as ensuring that operations are working perfectly.

3.3.2 Approve Report on Survey of Committees & Task Forces

A survey was mailed to task force and committee members for purposes of determining how many members were interested in continuing on their current committees. The survey was presented to the Regional Council and included members of committees & task forces that had responded regarding their committee appointments.

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Bates) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to receive and file the report.

3.3.3 Appointments

New Regional Council Member

- Hon. Judy Dunlap, Inglewood, representing District #28

Subregional Representatives to Policy Committees

- Hon. Daniel Del Campo, Thousand Oaks to EEC representing VCOG
- Hon. Cameron Smyth, Santa Clarita to TCC representing North LA County

Aviation Task Force

- Hon. Cindy Miscikowski, Los Angeles
- Hon. Dick Stanford, Azusa

Highway Task Force Members

- Hon. Richard Dixon, Lake Forest – Chair
- Hon. George Bass, Bell
- Hon. Ron Bates, Los Alamitos
- Hon. Art Brown, Buena Park
- Hon. Lee Ann Garcia, Grand Terrace
- Hon. Sandra Jacobs, El Segundo
- Hon. James C. Ledford, Jr., Palmdale
- Hon. Robin Lowe, RCTC, Hemet
- Hon. Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach
- Hon. Judy Mikels, Ventura County
- Hon. Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica
- Hon. Gary Ovitt, Ontario
- Hon. Bev Perry, Brea
- Hon. Bea Proo, Pico Rivera
- Hon. Jeff Reinhardt, Agoura Hills
- Hon. Ron Roberts, Temecula
- Hon. Paul Talbot, Alhambra
- Hon. Toni Young, Port Hueneme

3.4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mark Pisano stated that we have not been able to arrange the next meeting with San Diego Association of Governments for purposes of discussing inter-regional issues in the I-15 connection. SCAG is currently seeking assistance from Councilmembers from the San Diego area to help finalize the meetings.

Mr. Pisano stated that there have been several lawsuits on conformity that have been resolved. The lawsuits are not in the SCAG region but in other areas of the State. Mr. Pisano suggested that Regional Council members read the Opinions, because they could potentially guide and impact the work that SCAG does on air quality and transportation conformity.

Councilmember De Young requested copies of the opinions and that they be mailed to other interested RC members.

The remaining items in the report outlined priorities that management and staff focused on monthly basis. Items covered within the report include: Efficiency & Accountability within the Organization; Providing support to the Regional Council with direction and leadership to SCAG; SCAG Operations; Implement Adopted Regional Plans; Develop and Completion of Additional Planning Efforts; Improvement of data analysis and information; and Implementing the Legislative Program.

4.0 ACTION ITEMS

4.1 Administration Committee Report

There was no report, however Supervisor Mikels, Chair, announced that Administration Committee directed staff to send the Executive Director's report via e-mail on the Monday by close of business prior to the Regional Council meeting.

4.2 Transportation & Communications Committee (TCC) Report

There was no report.

4.3 Energy & Environment Committee Report (EEC)

4.3.1 Energy Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan & Guide

SCAG adopted a Regional Comprehensive Plan & Guide (RCP&G) in 1996. The RCP&G included both mandatory chapters, such as the Regional Mobility Element (a synopsis of the

Regional Transportation Plan), and voluntary chapters that served as guides to local governments in the SCAG region. The energy chapter was one of the voluntary chapters. Staff completed a revised energy chapter based on a draft outline approved by the EEC in April 2002.

Councilmember Young, Chair, stated that the EEC recommended that the Regional Council approve the report.

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Washburn) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

4.3.2 Resolution Supporting the Orange County Groundwater Replenishment

It was MOVED (Young), SECONDED (Brown, Perry) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to approve and waive reading of Resolution #02-043-1.

4.3.3 Update on SCAG & Kern County COG Joint Meeting

Councilmember Young, Councilmember Dispenza, and Mark Pisano represented SCAG at the Joint meeting. Also attending the meeting was Executive the Director as well as four Councilmembers of Kern County COG.

Topic discussed were: (1) Tajon Ranch's efforts to bring more warehousing in that area; (2) SB 910; (3) Storm water TMDL was discussed in which SCAG reported on the development of a white paper that will be shared with the Kern COG upon completion; (4) Maglev & Airports (5) Common Corridors – SR 58 extension to I-40. I-5 & SR 14 and the High Desert corridor; and (6) TEA-3 & Goods Movement. The next meeting is tentatively is scheduled for February 2003.

Councilmember Young announced that Prop 50 will be presented at the Regional Council for discussion next month. She asked the members to review the information carefully. Vice Mayor Lowe wanted staff to prepare a report that outlines where the funds will be spent as well as who has the authority to spend the funds.

4.4 **Community, Economic & Human Development (CEHD)**

There were no items to report, however Councilmember Alta Duke, Vice Chair, announced that Southwest Compact conference will be held on October 24 & 25, 2002, in the city of Holtville.

4.5 **Report on Best Practices Oversight Committee**

There was no meeting.

4.6 **Communications Task Force Report**

Councilmember Proo, Chair, reported that the task force is working with Cerrell Associates on the SCAG Communication Strategy. The task force discussed and refined the Strategy for the year. The goals include (1) Establishing importance of regional governance; (2) Improving communication with the members; (3) Enhancing SCAG's profile with the media; and (4) Supporting and supplementing ongoing community outreach efforts.

Another component of the Communication Strategy is to hold more Regional Council meetings at various locations around the region. The task force will be recommending a meeting schedule at next meeting for rest of 2002 and 2003.

Councilmember Proo also announced that a Transportation Summit sponsored by Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald and SCAG will be held Monday, September 9, 2002, at the Carson Community Center in the city of Carson. Discussion will encompass TEA-3 conversation between US DOT Secretary Norman Mineta and the region's key transportation leaders. All Regional Council members were invited to attend.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4.0 5.1 **Monthly Financial Report**

Bert Becker stated that SCAG is waiting on the Governor to sign off on the State budget. Invoices have been submitted for next year are in queue for payment. Once the funds are received payments will be processed. Mr. Becker also stated that the timing of receiving funds is very important because payments for SCAG's line of credit is approaching fast. However the schedule is not known for receiving funds at this time.

5.2 **Update on Audit Resolution Plan**

Mr. Becker reported that SCAG received a notice from Caltrans that the Audit Resolution Plan was approved. In addition the OWP approval was contingent upon that approval. The OWP was also approved.

8.0 COMMENT PERIOD

No comments presented at this time.

9.0 LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT

9.1 Closed Session

- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a) SCAG v. HCD & BT&H
- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54956.9(a) El Toro Reuse Planning Authority v. SCAG
- Pursuant to California Government Code Section §54957 Personnel-Employee Discipline

The Regional Council reconvened and authorized an independent audit related to a personnel matter.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday Oct. 3, 2002 at the Long Beach Convention Center

Mark Pisano, Executive Director

Staff Present

Mark Pisano, Executive Director
Jim Gosnell, Deputy Executive Director
Colin Lennard, General Counsel
Helene Smookler, Chief Counsel
Bert Becker, Chief Financial Officer
Sondra Morrison, SCAG Controller
Hasan Ikrata, Acting Director, Planning & Policy
Mike Murphy, Acting, Manager, Government Affairs

Barbara Dove, Government Affairs Analyst
Kim Turner, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Shelia Stewart, Executive Assistant

Members Present

Councilmember Hal Bernson (**Los Angeles**), Delegate, District 59, President
Mayor Pro Tem Bev Perry (**Brea**), Delegate, District 22, 1st Vice President
Supervisor Chuck Smith (**Orange County**), Delegate, 2nd Vice President
Supervisor Jon Mikels, (**San Bernardino County**) Delegate, Immediate Past President
Supervisor Yvonne Burke (**Los Angeles County**), Delegate
Councilmember Jo Shields (**Brawley**), Delegate, District 1
Mayor Ron Loveridge (**Riverside**) Delegate, District 4
Mayor Ron Roberts (**Temecula**), Delegate, District 5
Mayor Pro Tem Lee Ann Garcia (**Grand Terrace**), Delegate, District 6
Councilmember Susan Lien (**San Bernardino**), Delegate, District 7
Councilmember Gary Ovitt (**Ontario**) Delegate, District, 10
Mayor Lawrence Dale (**Barstow**) Delegate, District 11
Councilmember Cathryn DeYoung (**Laguna Nigel**) Delegate, District 12
Mayor Richard Dixon (**Lake Forest**), Delegate, District 13
Councilmember Tod Ridgeway (**Newport Beach**), Delegate, District 14
Councilmember Lou Bone (**Tustin**) Delegate, District 17
Councilmember Alta Duke (**La Palma**) Delegate, District 18
Councilmember Shirley McCracken (**Anaheim**) Delegate, District 19
Mayor Ron Bates (**Los Alamitos**) Delegate, District 20
Councilmember Art Brown (**Buena Park**) Delegate, District 21
Mayor Bruce Barrows (**Cerritos**) Delegate, District 23
Vice Mayor Gene Daniels (**Paramount**) Delegate, District 24
Councilmember Keith McCarthy (**Downey**) Delegate, District 25
Councilmember George Bass (**Bell**) Delegate, District 27
Councilmember Judy Dunlap (**Inglewood**) Delegate, District 28
Councilmember Bonnie Lowenthal (**Long Beach**), District 29
Mayor Pro Tem Bea Proo (**Pico Rivera**) Delegate, District 31
Robert Bruesch (**Rosemead**) Delegate, District 32
Councilmember Dick Stanford (**Azusa**) Delegate, District 33
Councilmember Paul Talbot (**Alhambra**) Delegate, District 34
Councilmember Harry Baldwin (**San Gabriel**) Delegate, District 35
Councilmember Sid Tyler (**Pasadena**) Delegate, District 36
Mayor Pro Tem Tom Sykes (**Walnut**) Delegate, District 37
Councilmember Karen Rosenthal (**Claremont**) Delegate, District 38
Mayor Ken Blackwood (**Lomita**), Delegate, District 39
Mayor Pro Tem Sandra Jacobs (**El Segundo**) Delegate, District 40
Councilmember Bob Yousefian (**Glendale**) Delegate, District 42
Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza (**Palmdale**) Delegate, District 43
Councilmember Dennis Washburn (**Calabasas**) Delegate, District 44
Councilmember Toni Young (**Port Hueneme**) Delegate, District 45

Councilmember Glen Becerra (**Simi Valley**) Delegate, District 46
Councilmember Carl Morehouse (**San Buenaventura**) Delegate, District 47
Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Bauer (**Huntington Beach**) Delegate, District 64

CTC Representatives

Mayor Bill Davis, representing VCTC
Vice Mayor Robin Lowe, representing RCTC

Others present

Phyllis Winger
Chuck Bookhammer

Councilmember Bernson's Office
Supervisor Burke's staff